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RADIO FACILITIES TO BE EXPANDED

JEWISH RADIO FACILITIES IMPROVED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 30, 6 Feb 49

The newspaper Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda recently published an article citing the slow progress of radiofication in the Jewish Autonomous Oblast. Eogan, chief of the Khabarovsk Kray Administration of the Ministry of Communications, after looking into the case, reported to the Editor that the facts presented in the article were correct, and stated that measures have been decided upon to improve radio facilities in the Jewish Autonomous Oblast.

The Leninskiy radio broadcasting and receiving unit will undergo capital repairs. The power facilities of the Kul'durskiy radio broadcasting and receiving unit and the receiving center in the city of Obluch'ye will be equipped. It has been decided to construct 33 kilometers of transmission lines, which will provide radio facilities to an additional number of kolkhozes, in 1949.

Considerable quantities of materials have been allocated to radio broadcasting and receiving units in the oblast. It is reported that Sal'nikov, chief of the Leningradskiy radio broadcasting and receiving unit, and Bakshayev, chief of the Amurskiy radio unit, have been removed from office for not fulfilling the plan.

ASHKABAD RADIO STATION RESUMES OPERATION -- Turkmeneskaya Iskra, No 4, 7 Jan 49

The short-wave radio station UKH-8-KAA of the Ashkhabad DOBAEM radio club has resumed operation, since communication with other radio stations of the USSR and foreign countries had not been completely disrupted by the heavy earthquake which hit Ashkhabad. During the past 3 months, the club received over 1,700 "KUMSEL" receipt cards confirming the restoration of radio communication between Ashkhabad and various cities in Czechoslovakia, England, America, India, China, Japan, Canada, Africa, and Australia, as well as 16 other foreign countries. Several days after the earthquake, the radio club started regular reception of signals from other radio stations. Reconstruction of the transmitting equipment is now being completed.

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Radio amateurs of Ashkhabad will take part in the second all-Union radio contacting of USSR short-wave amateurs on 16 January.

TADZHIK RADIOS INCREASE -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, No 254, 22 Dec 48

Since 1940 the number of radio receiving sets in the Tadzhik SSR has increased by 5,000. There are now 63 rebroadcasting units in the republic.

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